

Feedback: North West Provincial Health Council

Ngaka Modiri Molema District

All Clinic Committees and Hospital Boards were assessed for ideal functionality during March 2024, with overall percentages reported for each sub-district: Ditsobotla - 76%, Mahikeng - 87%, Ramotshere - 78%, Ratlou - 78%, and Tswaing - 85%. Overall percentage per hospital: Bophelong Psychiatric Hospital - 94.85%, General De La Rey - 86.13%, Gelukspan - 91.9%, Mafikeng Provincial Hospital - 82.23%, and Zeerust/Lehurutshe - 81.95%.

Proposed solutions were that posts for Cleaners to be urgently created as this shortage compromises infection control and, for the time being, Cleaners be appointed on contract. Supply management is to prioritise the process. Cleaning material must be replenished before the facility stock runs out. State-of-the-art digital X-rays are to be installed at Itsoseng and General De La Rey Hospital by the end of the financial year.

Dr Segomotso Mompoti District

A few challenges were identified including, frequent overflowing of septic tanks at different facilities, vandalised sewage system at Ganyesa Hospital, broken boom gate, poor lighting outside Ganyesa Hospital, and some facilities have broken periphery fences. Furthermore, there is dilapidated infrastructure at Reivilo Community Health Centre, Upper Majeakgoro, Mothanthanyeng, and Cokonyane Clinics. Maintenance and repairs for Reivilo are ongoing. Cokonyane and Mothanthanyaneng are to receive Porter camps. The briefing was held for the renovation of Upper Majeakgoro but further supply chain process and tender processes are awaited. With regards to the sewage system at Ganyesa Hospital, further assistance is being sought from the municipality and Public Works.

Bojanala District

A total of 49 facilities in the Moses Kotane sub-district received leased photocopy machines and printers and installed a new X-ray machine and autoclave machine at Koster Hospital. Ruigtesloot Clinic received a backup generator and Molatedi Clinic was renovated. Identified challenges include the unavailability of linen and other protective clothing, which will be prioritised in the new financial year. Most facilities' perimeter fencing is not intact, and some facilities lack guardhouses with lockable safes. Redundant office furniture items, e.g., old chairs, tables, and filing cabinets are to be included on facilities maintenance plans for 2024/25-financial plans.

Dr Kenneth Kaunda

Challenges identified include a shortage of water at most facilities because of service-delivery failures by municipalities. Facilities procured water tanks to mitigate the situation. There has been a shortage of grounds men across facilities in the district and these posts are to be budgeted for and filled in the next financial year. Cockroach infestation at some in-patient units at Klerksdorp/Tshepong Hospital was resolved in that a pest-control service provider was appointed to deal with the matter. There are not adequate posts for housekeeping supervisors, and Witrand Hospital is to prioritise critical posts in the next financial year.

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